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Transmitted herewith for filing is the

- ☒ patent application of
☐ continuation application of
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

- ☐ divisional application of
☐ prior application information: Examiner _____

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- ☐ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: 60/217,954, filed July 13, 2000 and 60/300,378, filed June 21, 2001, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 170 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)
☒ 25 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s)
☒ 1 abstract
☒ 180 number of claims
☐ an assignment of the invention to _____
☒ a ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration
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☐ a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
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☐ Small Entity Status is Claimed
☐ Preliminary amendment

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